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# H. R. 1404

To posthumously award a congressional gold medal to Wilma G. Rudolph.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (for herself, Mr. COOPER, Mr. WAMP, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RANGEL, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. GORDON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds that—

5 (1) Wilma G. Rudolph of Clarksville, Ten-  
6 nessee, the 20th of 22 children, overcame a series of  
7 childhood diseases, including scarlet fever, double  
8 pneumonia, and polio, to become an athletic pioneer  
9 and champion in the State of Tennessee, the United

1 States, and the world, first as an outstanding bas-  
2 ketball player and track athlete in Tennessee, then  
3 as a 3-time gold medal winner in the 1960 Olympics  
4 in Rome, and finally as a pioneer for racial equality,  
5 goodwill, and justice;

6 (2) Wilma G. Rudolph's winning of 3 gold med-  
7 als in the 1960 Olympics served as an inspiration to  
8 athletes of all sports, all races, and both genders;

9 (3) Wilma G. Rudolph's ability to inspire en-  
10 dured after her performance in the 1960 Olympics,  
11 as demonstrated by—

12 (A) her receipt in 1987 of the National  
13 Collegiate Athletic Association's Silver Anniver-  
14 sary Award, the first time a woman ever re-  
15 ceived the award;

16 (B) her receipt of the 1989 Jackie Robin-  
17 son Image Award of the National Association  
18 for the Advancement of Colored People  
19 (NAACP);

20 (C) her induction into the National Track  
21 and Field Hall of Fame in 1974;

22 (D) her receipt of the 1985 Humanitarian  
23 of the Year Award of the Special Olympics; and

1 (E) her receipt in 1993 of the National  
2 Sports Award, the only time a woman has re-  
3 ceived the award;

4 (4) Wilma G. Rudolph, a graduate of Tennessee  
5 State University, a successful businessperson, a  
6 mother, an athlete, a coach, and a teacher, who  
7 passed away on November 12, 1994, will forever re-  
8 main an inspiration to all able-bodied and physically-  
9 challenged individuals in overcoming odds;

10 (5) Wilma G. Rudolph blazed a trail that  
11 helped all people understand the contributions of  
12 women to the world of athletics;

13 (6) the legacy of Wilma C. Rudolph continues  
14 to serve as a particular inspiration to women; and

15 (7) Wilma G Rudolph's life truly embodied the  
16 American values of hard work, determination, and  
17 love of humanity.

18 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

19 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of  
20 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-  
21 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements  
22 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold  
23 medal of appropriate design, honoring Wilma G. Rudolph  
24 (posthumously) in recognition of her outstanding and en-

1 during contributions to humanity and to women's ath-  
2 letics, in the United States and the world.

3 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For the purpose of the  
4 award referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary of the  
5 Treasury (in this Act referred to as the “Secretary”) shall  
6 strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and  
7 inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary.

8 **SEC. 3. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

9 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in  
10 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 2  
11 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe,  
12 and at a price sufficient to cover the costs thereof, includ-  
13 ing labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead ex-  
14 penses, and the cost of the gold medal.

15 **SEC. 4. STATUS AS NATIONAL MEDALS.**

16 The medals struck pursuant to this Act are national  
17 medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United  
18 States Code.

19 **SEC. 5. FUNDING.**

20 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is  
21 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint  
22 Public Enterprise Fund an amount not to exceed \$30,000  
23 to pay for the cost of the medals authorized by this Act.

24 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the  
25 sale of duplicate bronze medals under section 3 shall be

- 1 deposited in the United States Mint Public Enterprise
- 2 Fund.

